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Aldermen Kill Plan for City Food Stores

They Limit Work to Sales of Milk by Health Department

Board Played Politics, Say Social Workers

After the meeting several aldermen declared that Dr. Moskowitz had made a tactical error in declining to take the board into his confidence regarding his plans to bent down the proficers. Dr. Moskowitz replied that to have revealed details would have given the profiteers a chance to take effective counter measures.

The Robitzek substitute not only limits the city to the sale of milk, but does not empower the Department of Health to seek funds with which to carry out the project, although it authorizes the employment of any additional help that may be necessary "to

Intion."

The substitution of the Department of Health for the Department of Public Markets apparently was a belated afterthought, for as drawn by the Corporation Counsel the Robitzek resolution designated the markets department as the milk selling agency, the was grossed out and the

this was crossed out and the s "Department of Health" inter-

Porkless Saturday Is

Urged for New York

City and State Food Con-

Hoover

To save all pork products, of which the country is short and which our soldiers and our allies need almost as hally as wheat, the Federal Food Board here yesterday issued a call for volunteers to callst for pork prohib-

hogs than the packers can

Action Is Called a Slap at Moskowitz for Not Confiding in Members

Aldermen of the board that retires January 1 killed the resolution yes-terday which would have enabled the tablish municipal stores to check food of Public Markets," he exclaimed. and fuel profiteering in the city. In its place they substituted, by a vote of 37 to 11, a measure offered by Municipal Judga-Rest Polytral chair nicipal Judge-elect Robitzek, chairman of the Committee on Public We fare, which limits the city to the sale of milk at cost, and, instead of the markets department, names the Department of Health as the milk sales

Dr. Haven Emerson, Commissioner of Health, was astonished last night when told that his department had been designated, and said he was utterly unprepared for the new duties. Settlement workers who had urged the municipal stores plan declared the hoard had "played politics" and dodged a situation which was likely to develop riots and disorders at any time.

Sidetracked Hoarders', Resolution The aldermen also pused an ord nance forbidding the sal of coal here ofter except by weight. There were after except by weight. There we eleven opponents of this, although it measure simed at the practice of diling coal by the bag and buckst, grough which, since the cold weather egan, small buyers have been forced a pay as high as \$33 a ton.

But they sidetracked a resolution by Iderman Dickstein calling for the

searching out hidden stores of ar and coal, and reporting hearders the Federal fuel and food adminis-

ations for prosecution. Mr. Dickstein, whose district includes

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New York Tribune.

Federal Food Board's Price List Reed Clashes the Rivington, Ludlow and East Hous-ton Street sections of the East Side, de-clared he had conclusive evidence of general hoarding. One case, he said, involved a wealthy Socialist who took a prominent part in the Hillquit cam-

The Federal Food Board suggests the following prices on food commodities. Shoppers who find their grocers charging materially more for their groceries should notify the Federal Food Board, Complaint Division, 220 West Fifty-seventh Street, Manhattan, giving the name and address of the grocer. Consumer should pay
Medium rental
Low rental
neighborhoods neighborhoods

Article. Grade.	(per pound). Cents.	(per pound). Cents.	(per pound). Cents.
		416	3 %
Petatoes-U. S., No. 1		316	3
U. S., No. 2		18	17
Beans Lima		18	17
White		18	16
Kidney	. 17 -18		11
Rice Whole head pkg	9 15-11	13	10
Bulk	8 4-10	11	7.96
Broken bulk	. 7% - 7%		
Dried peas - Whole green	11 -13	15位	1452
. Split green	. 17 -19	20	19
Whole yellow	8 %-10	15	13
Split yellow	10 %-12	14	13
Lentila	17 -18	22	24
Oatmen!—Bulk	54 - 6	. 8	7
Macaroni	10%-12	14	1376
Prunes California (size 30-40)	13 -15	18	1534
Oregon		1735	16
		935	9.14
Sugar Granulated	58 () () () () () ()	101	10%
Lump		9	9
Brown		8-9	8-9
Bread -16-oz, ionf		7.8	7-8
Store wrapped		83	32
Cheese American	W Trill Louis Committee	1454	1454
Raisins-Muscatel, seeded pkg		1.974	494
Onions		714	7
Cornment-Yellow			
Wheat flour-White, loose	. 6 - 6%	27	27
		for 3 % lbs.	for 3 1/2 lbs.
Rye flour-Loose	. 19 -18	2934	
Barley-White, loose	5% - 6%	10	10
Eggs-Candled, storage No. 1, do:		49	46
Ment- Sirloin steak, untrimmed.		2936	
Andrew State of the State of th	(whole loin)		
*Round steak, top cut	. 25%-27	3.4	34
*Round stenk, bottom cut	25/9-27	34	32

'From medium steers (dressed weight 550 to 650 pounds).

City and State Food Controllers Expect Order from Price Fixing Extended To Small Retail Grocers

Food Administrators to End All Profiteering-Chairman Mitchell Makes Public Rules Governing Labels on Commodities

on Saturdays, beginning next Sat-ay. It is only a matter of a few ks. anyway, till the rational food inistration will declare one pork-day a week. Chairman Mitchell of Food Board pointed out that our k production was at a low ebb and The small retail grocers and other retail dealers doing business in a small state the new Federal food Administration's food card would me out January 2 with a request to finite or fation to observe porkless Saturation over big retail dealers and all wholesalers, will have to suffer the inconvenience of readjusting their ideas. It has been popularly believed that the convenience of readjusting their ideas. It has been popularly believed that the prices at five cents a pound to hospitate in the convenience of readjusting their ideas. It has been popularly believed that the prices are statute in that it gives the food Administration of any practices "which interfere with the distribution or sale of any necessaries of the correction of any practices "which interfere with the distribution or sale of any necessaries at a reasonable price." Such rules, according to Chairman Mitchell, can be adopted by the State Food Commission and have the effect of a statute ten distribution or sale of any necessaries at a reasonable price." Such rules, according to Chairman Mitchell, can be adopted by the State Food Commission and have the effect of a statute ten distribution or sale of any necessaries of the became any unlated of unreasonable rate or charge in handling or dealing in any necessaries."

The state law goes further than the became any necessaries. The state law goes further than the statule in that it gives the State Food Commission authority to enact rules for the correction of any practice. "Food Administrator Hoover made any unlated that they were immune from the control way, who have heretofore been told that they were immune from the control way, who have heretofore been told that they were immune from the control way, who have heretofore been told that they were immune from the control way, who have heretofore been told the became any unlated to that the year that the preceding in any necessaries. The became any unlated that they were immune from the control way, who have heretofore been told that they were immu ble institutions.

dr. Mitshell and Mr. Williams, of a Federal Food Board, said that if a settlement were accepted, it would to give Borrok immunity from prestion by the United States District torneys for hearding a food necessard amounted to 11,200 pounds, and the would lose \$520 by selling it five cents a pound. chants doing a business of more than \$100,000 a year. These have to possess a Federal license, which the national food administration may revoke when-ever the big dealer is caught hoarding, speculating or discriminating in his

Laws Apply to Small Dealers

Asks Farmers to Hold Hogs

CHICAGO, Dec. 18—A warning to farmers not to ship hogs but to hold them back for the present, in order to avoid falling prices, was sent out totally by J. C. Cotton, head of the meat division of the food administration. In a written statement he said:

"Hold back your nogs. On November 2 I stated that the prices of hogs, so far as this division could affect them, would not fall below about \$15,50 a hundredweight for the average of the packers' droves on the Chicago market until further notice. That statement I make again.

"The small Dealers That is Commission Friday. These rules provides:

Yesterday Chairman John Mitchell and Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams declared that their and Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams declared that their and Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams declared that their and Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams declared that their williams declared that their and Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams declared that their williams declared that their and Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams declared that their and Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams declared that their and Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams declared that their and Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams declared that their and Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams declared that their and Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams declared that their and Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams declared that their Thut Food commodities, which are the be selected by the State Food Commission, shall be labelled as to grade to be selected by the State Food Commission, shall be labelled as to grade that their that Williams declared that their Thut Food commodities, which are the proof of the federal Statutes provides that it is a selected by the State Food Commission, shall be labelled as to grade the written or printed to be selected by the State Food Commission, shall be labelled as to grade the label shall be affixed to the contain

Mr. Mitchell made public a set of rules governing labels on foods exposed for sale or sold. The rules have been drafted by the State Food Commission, and, according to Mr. Mitchell, they probably will be passed at the meeting of the commission Friday.

Thus rules provide:

That food commedities which are

again and told him large shipments abroad threatened the shortage in the East. Ilis company exported 431,00 tons during 1917, he said, and all, with

"The packers inform me they are doing their best to aid us in that polcy, but largely owing to transportation lifticulties in the East there is now a ed. Mr. Hoover wrote that public an-nouncement that the American com-pany would refuse to pay exorbitant prices "would help a lot." Disclosed by Restaurant Men Here

Board, 'Chairman Mitchell said he was confident that sugar profiteering was at an end in New York City.

Last night the proprietor of the Gruber chain of lunchrooms told Commissioner Moskowitz that he abdeed for the ground for sugar a few days ago. Leavitt's lunchroom, 21 Second Avenue, paid 17 cents a pound for sugar. Dubow Brothers, 1409 Fifth Avenue, reported that six days ago they paid the same price. The proprietor of the Golden Restaurant, 6 East Thirtieth Street, managed to get his sugar cheap. The product offered him was not of the first grade. It was classed as "B," so all he had to ray was 15 cents a pound.

Commissioner Moskowitz advised all the lunch room men to form a cooperative association for sugar huying, and the buy directly from the refineries. He

to buy directly from the refineries. He them.

On the Edge of the War Zone

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Evidence of indiscriminate speculation in sugar and total disregard on an extensive scale of the Federal Food Board, the National Food Administration and all food price centrol agencies in the city was disclosed last night at a meeting of the Association of Restaurant Keepers in the Broadway Central Hotel.

Scores of restaurant men, most of them proprietors of lunchrooms, told City Market Commissioner Henry Mookewitz, whom they had asked to attend the meeting, that they had been forced to pay from 15 to 18 cents a pound for sugar last week. This was at about the time when the Federal Food Board was pluming itself on stamping out profiteering by revoking the licenses of two East Side dealers who had charged 18 cents a pound and forced their customers to buy large bills of other groceries with their sugar.

The dealers of the sugar shortage and the efforts of refiners to prevent it are set forth in an explanation is attended to the commissioner Henry Mookewitz, whom they had asked to the category of the world the supply of beet sugar. The contral Powers, under normal conditions, export about \$3,000, of this supply has, in spite of increased production of cane sugar, set the world back about 2,000,000 tons of sugar each year since the war began. The best sugar crop in the United States for 1916-112 amounted to 73,4577 tons, about 45,000 tons less than the form of the world back about 2,000,000 tons of sugar each year since the war began. The best sugar is was with difficulty of the part of beet companies of the coal shortage if you good consent to appear before the commistice a similar letter, and that in October all except form proprietors of lunchrooms told Commissioner Mookewitz, whom they had asked to the force the sugar shortage and the efforts of refiners to prevent letter, and that in October all except form proprietors of the sugar shortage and the efforts of refiners to prevent letter, and that in October all except form proprietors of the world bear and the efforts of refiners to prevent letter, and that

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statement, "are the very things the tofood administration wants them to eat, as they conserve wheat, red meats, fats and other needed war foods.

"Fittingly enough, this Christmas falls on meatless Tuesday, the day on which no red meats are to be eaten.

"Serving the cldtime Christmas dinner on that day could not be more appropriate. No red meat, of course, should be used in mince pies."

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Sugar Inquiry

Senate Chairman Resents

Charge of Unfairness

by Witness

Ohio Governor Blames Fuel

Administrator for Fuel

Situation

protested vigorously because the chair-

man would not permit him to make

a statement except in answer to ques-

tions by members of the committee,

and charged that an attempt was being

made to impugn his motives in working

that the International Sugar Commit-

ment to the effect that the price of re-

fined sugar at seaports was fixed before

Mr. Babst was on the stand through

out the day and will continue his ter timony to morrow. He told the con mittee that soon after Mr. Hoover re turned from Belgium he warned his

only 40,000 tons left in Cuba, and suggested that the American Sugar Company do not bid for it and close its

for the food administration.

the witness's motives, and added:

To Obtain Hearing

Hoover Again Fails

ANNE LEWIS PIERCE, Director of the Tribune Institute

With the Collaboration of the U. S Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Markets, New York Office, and the Bureau of Foods and Drugs of the City Board of Health.

Wednesday, December 19, 1917

These retail and wholesale prices are offered as a basis for making up an economical market list-one that will help you in the buying, the dealer in the selling and the Food Administration in equalizing prices. The comment endeavors to put the reason behind the facts and to help in their practical application.

If there are any points that are not plain, or if you have any personal marketing problems, if the prices quoted do not hold true at your dealer's, write or telephone to the Tribune Institute (Beekman 3000) and we shall be glad to corre you in any way

Do You Read the Table?

TE DO not expect any one to read the table of quotations from star to finish as though it were a new thriller, though the facts are by no means lacking in thrills, if you are not scared off by the

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.- Sharp tilts | tabular form It is hoped that a knowledge of what the prevailing prices are in between Chairman Reed and Barl Babst, president of the American Sugar Re- stores of different localities and for foods of different grades will give the fining Company, marked today's ses- housekeeper both a basis for her market list and a springboard of fasion of the Senate committee investi- from which she can leap down the retailer's throat with unerring aim i gating the sugar situation. Mr. Babst he does overcharge.

An intelligent buyer makes at least a cautious and respectful seller Our idea of reading the table is to look up the prices of the means vegetables and staples desired; to compare these prices in the market, the chain store and the nearby high class grocery, and to base a selection of what is most abundant, most seasonable and cheapest. Sometimes the cheaper foods are just as desirable as the more expensive ones to which Senator Reed replied that the com- weather conditions, transportation or temporary shortage of supplies have mittee was not attempting to impugn given a fictitious value.

A market list cannot be predestinated at home these days. It should "We have developed from you that be created out of the expediencies of the moment. The market quota beet sugar prices are affected by cane tions tell you what these are, and some two dozen men are busy half a day sugar prices, that your company has holdings in beet sugar companies and gathering these figures to save you needless shopping and comparison Can you and do you use them? If they are not usable or helpful, let u

tee, of which you are a member, fixed know why. Sane buying backed by an intelligent knowledge of conditions make Later, when the committee was in profiteering difficult and affords a definite ground for refusing to pay a secret session, it is understood that Mr. orbitant prices. This means not only profit to yourself, but is an imper Babst succeeded in getting in a state- tant contribution to the work of the food administration in supervising the practices of the numerous retailers. It will help you to meet an abnorman condition with a maximum of fairness and economy and a minimum of unnecessary and unprofitable irritation.

> COMPARISON OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRICES IN TYPICAL STORES AND LOCALITIES (DECEMBER 18, 1917) (Prices in cents per pound unless otherwise stated.)

	Wholesale Price (Jobbers)	Retail Price					
			MANH	ATTAN	BRO	OKLYN	
PRODUCTS		Chain Store	Retail City Market			High Class Store	
MEATS (Aver'ge wholesale price for dressed carcass): Beef 1 Sirlein Round Rib roast Stew meat Stew meat 1	****	32 20—26	28-32 28-32 22-32 18-28	28-36	20 26 -3 18 30 -3 22 -2 22 -2	35 -38	
Lamb	****	26	32	35—10 25—30	6 30 -33	45 —48 85 —48	
Pork	5 —26	36	35—10 30—32 32—36		0 28 -3: 0 26 -2: 0 5 30 -3:	30 -32	
Veaf	1000	20-22	25—35 18—24 16—20		10 25 -30 12 25 15 21	2 31	
POULTRY: 2 Chickens 2 Fowl 2 Turkey (fresh) 3 Turkey (cold storage) 3	7 —32 5 —42	28-30	28-35 25-32 45 38-42	1	10 35 —45 15 18 28 —36	42 -4	
FISH: Cod (market and steak) Hailbut 2 Mackerel (frozen) 1 Flounders Whiting Smelts 1	0 -20 0 -24 4 -16 7½-14 4 - 5	18 18 8	40	1	5 13	15 —24 30 —34 18 —25 30 —34	
DAIRY PRODUCTS: Butter 4 Cheese 1 'Eggs (cold storage) 3 'Eggs (fresh) 4	7 —24% 5½—39	29 42	42-45	3	47 —55 7 35 9 42 —49 8 68 —77	34	
VEGETABLES: Cabbage (75 to 100 lbs.)	1- 2- 3		3-4		4 3 - 6		

Single unit or head. ABUNDANT—Spinneh, potatoes, cabbage, onions, carrots, cauliflower, squash, turnips and celery.

Normal—Beets, sweet potatoes, kale, bananas, pears, grapes, pumpkins, apples and lettuce. SCARCE-Sugar, flour, peas, peppers, cornmeal, cucumbers, eggplants and

12 20-30

-3 -20

Potatoes (165 lbs.)....

Tomatoes

tomatoes.

Suggestions

Don't eat chops unless you aspire to go "over the top" of all food prices.
Don't mention stew; call it "beef en caserole," or "veal loaf," or "curried lamb," at market prices varying from 16 to 28 cents a pound, instead of paying 25 to 40 cents for other cuts at more expensive places. Flounders are the only thing that approach a bargain in fish, with cod

and whiting for a next choice.

Cheese and cold storage eggs are within reach, but butter and free eggs are only for those who prefer the last word in flavor to a Thrift

Who asks you to eat lettuce, tomatoes and cauliflower at 10 to 30 cents

a throw, when cabbage, onions, turnips, potatoes and carrots are 4 cents a Something is wrong with the editorial eye. The government says that

bread costs 7 to 8 cents for sixteen-ounce loaf. To the best of our eyesight fashioned" Christmas dinner was in- the prices reported are 8 to 10 cents. Consumer, page the baker and ask

Two Market Lists-Thrifty and Thoughtless

Just to show how the marketing expenses of one day might be cut cording to ancient custom," said the in two by careful buying, these two lists have been compiled, based on

u	day a quotationa.		
	Thrifty List		Thoughtless List
	th prunes @ .17\$0.1	7 3	Grapefruit @ .18\$0.54
	to cornmeal @ .07	06 1	lb cornmeal @ .0707
	dozen eggs @ .42	2 3	quarts milk @ .1442
	quarts milk @ .105	20 1	dozen eggs @ .80 80
		6 2	loaves bread @ .1020
	ths whiting @ .081	6 1	1b tomatoes at @ .2525
		0 1	head lettuce @ .1515
		2 11/	ths halibut @ .5075
		6 1	15 butter @ .5555
		4 3	10 s potatoes @ .05
		0 1	dozen oranges @ .75 75
		0 1	lb bunch carrots @ .0808
Ĺ		0 2	1bs lamb chops @ .4080
•		5 1	1b sugar @ .1010
	Total \$9.1	4	Total \$5.61

.....\$2.14 Total We do not maintain that prunes are as delicious as grapefruit or that whiting will taste like halibut. There may be many who prefer lamb chops to veal loaf, but we do maintain that the thrifty list will afford

Rich milk, malted grain, in powder form
For infants, invalids and growing children.
Pure nutrition, upbuilding the whole body.

These are not "deadly parallel columns," but a comparison full comparison full columns. These are not "deadly parallel columns," but a comparison full of Invigorates nursing mothers and the aged. suggestion and hope for those who are struggling with a fixed income

(This column appears on Wednesday and Saturday).

Facts About the Sugar Situation

Our Government has asked you to use sugar sparingly. We believe that the people of this country will be glad to do their part to conserve the sugar supply when they know the facts.

These facts are as follows:

More than two-thirds of the source of Europe's sugar supply is within the present battle lines. This has resulted in greatly reducing the production of sugar in Europe.

England and France and other countries have been forced to go for sugar to Cuba.

Ordinarily, nearly all of the Cuban raw sugar comes to the United States and is refined here, chiefly for home use. This is not the case now.

In view of the exceptional world demand for sugar there is no surplus, and barely enough to tide us over until the new crop comes in. The people of the New England and Atlantic Coast States should use sugar sparingly. No one should hoard or waste it.

This Company has no surplus sugar to sell. It is working with the Government to conserve the supply, and to take care of the Allies so far as possible.

Do not pay an increased retail price.

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